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THE GRACE OF GOD. AND HIS HOLY SPIRIT COMFORT vs in all our afflictions.

SIngular, Benevolent, and most vvorthy Frend, Mr. Martine, I receiued your lamentable letter a fevve dayes since, vvhereby I vnderstood vvith a sorrovv full, and a Compassionate heart, in vvhat manner your litle tovvne, vvho alvvayes shevved their good affection to the Imperiall Army vvas vsed, vvho although they strayned them selues aboue their abilities, yea more then vvas required, in giuing of Contribution as money, corne, & victuals, to supply their vvants: yet for al this their liuing, and vvritten Safegards vvere not regarded, giuen them by his Imperiall Maiesties Marshal Torquato di Conti (termed by the vulgar the bad Gount) vvhov desiring a passage thorovv this Tovvne vpon the 9. of July last past, for some Imperiall Dutch souldiers they fell vpon it, & plundred it, brake open the Houses cattle and church, vsing the inhabitants vvorse then Heathen, Turcks, or Tartarians could doe, beate them, racke them, & tortured them, to make them confesse vvhere their goods vvere layd, & carried the chiefe of them avvaye vpon vvaggons. Tore the letters of Safegard ship in peeces, ran vvith a great fury into the castle: the church, the preachers & other mens Houses, made boote of al they could finde in them: yea vvhich vvas more, and vnheard of, digge vp the very graues of the dead to ransacke the for pillage, threshed the corne halfe out, carried it avvaye vvith them and spoyled

the reſt, vvounded, and martyred the poore people to death, and among the reſt ſpared not your preacher vvho had ſhovvne the Imperials all reſpect, and friendſhip, yea much more then euer they deſerued. And vvhich vvas vvorſe, forced, and raviſhed publickly the vvemen, and maides, and vvhere ſome of them to keepe them from their villany hid themſelues among bulruſhes, they found them out, ſtript them, and droue them before them ſtarke naked in an impudent manner. And vvhen the men ſought to ſhelter, and defend their vviues, and daughters from this ſhamfull abuſe, they moſt cruelly ſhot them thorovv, and hevvd them dovvne vvith their Cutlaſſes, that novve poore Penkum, vvith all her adioyning villages, is vvholly plundred and deſtroyed, ſo that they haue ſcarce a peece of bread to put into their mouthes, notvvithſtanding that this poore Tovvne never ſhevved the leaſt ſigne of diſobedience againſt the Imperiall ſouldiers, but in ſtead of vvhat they had done for them, revvarded them vvith all manner of inſolences, villaines, and enormities, vvhich they haue ſuffred, and endured patiently, from theſe inhumaine and mercileſſe ſouldiers.

Novve Sr, I doe vviſh vvith my heart, that I vvere in your Houſe and dvvelling, that being moued vvith a Chriſtian zeale, grounded vpon Gods vvord, I might adminiſter comfort, and conſolation to you in this your affliction. And ſeing all the vvorld knovves you ſuffer innocently, greeue not ſo much, at it (as if ſome euill thing befell you) faint not, but pluck vp a good heart, and be not diſcouraged, reſt vpon the Eternall Councell, providence and permiſſion of God, vvho though as a father doth correct vs after many manners, for our manyfold ſinns: yet at the length in his good time, he vvill not forget to caſt his chaſtiſing Rod into the Fire. But forasmuch as I and my fellovve Burgeſſes of

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Paſevvalke haue bin fellovve feelers of this horrible tyranny, committed by thoſe vvho vniuſtly are calkd the Emperours ſouldiers, vvho haue vveakned all my povvers, and faculties all moſt to the very vttermoſt, and am not yet recouered, Though vvith Iobs friends I might ſit dovvne vpon the Earth by him, and in beholding his ſores, and miſery be ſilent, and not ſpeake a vvord: yet vvhen I conſider that it is a comfort to a man in his affliction, for to breake his minde, and to povver out his griefe into the boſome of a truſty friend, according vnto the Prouerbe FANDO EGERITVR DOLOR: That is, By ſpeech a man eaſies himſelf of his ſorrovv, Therefore ſeing Sir you haue giuen mee to vnderſtand of your complaints, I vvill alſo bevvaile vnto you mine ovvne, and all thoſe of the inhabitants of Paſevvalck, by helping to binde vp their freſh bleeding vvounds, if thereby they maye be prepared to a litle conſolidation and healing.

But Sr. I vvill put you in minde, that this miſerable vn deſerued, land-deſtroying quartering in Pomer, being firſt conſented vnto but for ſixe vveekes, hath continued three yeeres, yea 36. times ſixe vveekes, vvith an vnvtterable, (and as long as the vvorld ſhal laſt extends it ſelfe to an irreparable) hurt to Pomerland, our Paſevvalck being a place and Tovvne vvell ſituated, and reaſonnable good trading in it, tooke in at the firſt alſo three Cornets of Horſe, and aftervvard followed other grips and vultures vvhich laye ſo heavely vpon them, that many times a Burgeſſe did paye ordinarily for his part, 4 5. 8. yea ten, or more Rixe dallers euery vveeke, and vvhen they had caſt vp their accounts, gaue more then their lands, Houſes, and goods vvere vvorth, and if they be yet liuing can neuer recouuer their loſſes againe. Therefore it hapued that in this our populous Tovvne, vvhich vvas

riche and had good meanes, in a short time vvas so consu-
med and vvasted, that it vvas diuided into three quarters,
vvhereof onely one of them vvas inhabited, and the other
lay vast and ruyned: Finally, Pasevvalck must giue contri-
bution, and had such a Commandour sent them, vvhich bare
the name of one that professed the Gospel, but vvas in truth
such an one, vvho led a vvorser life then a pagan, vvithout
any feare of God, in abhominable incest vvith tvvo sisters,
vvith strange marryed vvemen, and vvith euery one, vvhich
either by craft or violence he could attame vnto his vvil and
though he had a married vvife: notvvith standing he carried
an other marryed vvoman vvith him vvhere he vvent, & her
child vvas knovvne to be his, neuer regarding that vvhich
vvas right & equitie, hauing before also shovvne an exam-
ple of his cruelty and Tirranny in the Ile of Rugen; vvhere
he did not onely by violence plunder the Tovvne of Bergen,
and other places: but also shevved a proofe of it in the gentle
vvemens cloister, there vvhere he caused the gentlevvemen
of that cloister to be stript starke naked, that the base soul-
diers committed all manner of vvillfulnesse vvith them.
This cursed, and vnheard of Martiall child of perdition is
HANS GOTZE, vvho thorovv many cunning tricks in
a short time bereft this Tovvne of all provisions, & meanes,
That at length the vvhole summe of the ordinary contribu-
tion money amounted to aboue 147000 Rix dallers, And
though this money vvas brought vp vvith much adoe, & that
there remained but 3000. Rix dallers of it vnpayd: yet this
GOTZE pretented against all right and equity 18000 Rix
dallers more, vvhich vvas impossible for them to paye
(neyther durst they speake of vnreasonnablesse to these
braten faces, for feare of displeasing them) yet this
impious GOTSE the 31. of July sent the Lieutenant
Colonell VVINSTEN, vvith three troopes of Horse, and
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some foote to plunder the Towne, and carried the chiefest Burgers prisoners to Gratz into the Armie. Now let euerie Christian heart iudge, whether this GOTSENS tyrannie was commanded or can be approued of by his Imperial Maiestie, or whether any such presidents were euer found in the Christian world, that an obedient Towne, hauing deserued well of the Emperours Armie, should be so cruelly vsed. And albeit those of Pasewalk, in the time that the Kings Maiestie of Sweathland, had taken in many places in Pomerland, and made himselfe maister of Stetine: yet held with the Imperial Armie, & beyond their abilities gaue them contribution vncessantly, euen as they serued innocent Penkum, where neuer any Swethen souldiers laye, so likewise Pasewalk must be serued with the very same sauce.

Assoone as these three afore sayd Companies came in the 31. of July, they apprehended at the first the chiefest of the Towne, set them vpon waggons, and carried them to Gartz, among whome there was a Burgomaster, and a iudge both well stricken in yeeres, diuers Councellours, and an Apothecary to the number of 18. persons, before they departed from their wiues and children with bitter teares, and cryes they began to plunder, so that they pilliged the Towne of as much of there chiefest goods, as the souldiers could well carry awaye. What did these good Pasewalkians nowe, they beseought them to beare with them, but they did as the wicked seruant in the Gospell, who dealt so vnmercifully with his fellow seruant to make him pay the 100. pence, tooke him by the throate, and cast him into prison. and spake therefore vnto them and sayd haue patience with vs & wee will paye you all, sent likewise out of their pouertie Butter. corne, Mettaile, Obligations, bills and pledges vnto the Army, that they might thereby moue the stony and hard hearts of these inhumane wretches, but they were then Deafe, dumme,

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and blind, as a right GOTZE (that is, like an Idoll block) vvhich savve not, vvhat they brought, heard not that for vvhich they intreated, and gaue noe answvere to their cryes and complaints. In the meanevvhile, the poore prisonners laye vnder the Heauens Canopy, fettered and chayn'd together like slaues, and kept at hard meate, scarcly getting a draft of cold vvater, and a bit of brovvne bread, to satisfie their thirst and hunger, and if their vviues and friends sent them any victualls, the souldiers made boote of it, lying all this vvhile in the vvinde & raigne, vvorse then dogs, making a common iakes round about them, to annoy them vvith a filthy stincke, yea at the commaund of this GOTZEN, they vvere kept three dayes vvithout bread and vvater, so that if the Lord had not sustained them, they had bin hunger starved, and lost the strength of their bodies.

In the meane time, the inhabitants of the Tovvne vvere pittifully handled, they droue avvaye al their cattle, as horses, Oxen, Covves, and sheepe, the land laye vvast, noe man durst looke out of the gates, but some mischiefe vvas done vnto him. They rob the very spitle houses vvithout the Tovvne, beate the poore men in them, takeing their provisions, and victualls from them, that they vvere ready to famish. There vvere some Burgers, vvhich meant to laye vp a litle corne for themselues, to relieue their necessities, and to helpe to make money to paye their Contribution, on the second of September carrying it home, the Emperours Horse men fell vpon them, and tooke it from them, vnder the pretence, that they intended to carry it to the Ennemie, and offred to set the lighter a fire in vvhich it laye, and beginning to burne vvith much intreated they quencht it. But he that ovved the Corne, they tooke him prisonner, & beate him fearefully, and bringing him to the port, vvold haue had a hundred Rix dailers of him for his ransome, his vvife seing that her husband

band vvas thus mis vſed, cut of feare promiſed them fortie, vvhich vvas more then ſhee vvas able to paye, the ſouldiers lying in her Houſe, till vvith much difficultly ſhee got vp that money But vvhat? hauing ſpoken of the drops, I muſt novv ſpeake of the ſhovvers. The next daye followving theſe 20. horſe men, being yet in the Tovvn, towards euening nevvs came, that the Svveathiſh Horſe men ſhevved themſelues before the ports, the tributarie Horſe men got them gone as faſt as they could, and tvvo Svveathiſh companies being 140. ſtronge came into the Tovvne. They in the abſence of the Burgomaſter, Magiſtrates, and chiefeſt men, found the ports open, and entred, the Tovvne vvithout any reſiſtance, vvho ſent them thether is not knovvne, ſome imagine they vvere gone out of Ockermonde, vvithout the knovvledge of the King. Hovvſoeuer it vvas, on the 4. of September, the Burgers vvhich vvere remayning, vvere requeſted by the tvvo Svveathiſh Captaines, that vvith them they vvold helpe to make vp the VValls of the Tovvne, vvhereupon they all laboured ſo diligently, that in the ſpace of three dayes, they performed a great vvorke, but vvere to fevve ſouldiers, to man ſo great a circuit of ground vvithin the Tovvne. A Gentleman called Linſteed, vvhoſe inheritance lay at Bellin, a mile diſtant from Paſevvalk, bearing a hatred, and ſpite to our Tovvne, revealed this to the Imperialiſts, and Councelled them to take in the Tovvne. The 7. of September then, vvord vvas brought, that the Ennemie vvas come before the Tovvne, & droue the Cattle avvaye, ſome 30. of the Svveathiſh Dragons ſallyed out of the Tovvne, and began to ſchirmiſh vvith the Emperours Horſemen, but a great number of them comming to charge them, droue them into the Tovvn, and followving the ſouldiers, and Burgers hotely, entred the ports, and beſet the vvalls, and after them came a number of 3000 men, vvhich encompaſſed the Tovvne, and playd into it vvith their ordi-

nance, and at last by the Vcker side, vvhere there vvas noe guard entred the Towne, and stole a long to the Prents-Lauvvish port, and from thence came to the Stetine port, and got in by making a breach vnder the vvall. The Sweathish souldiers defended themselues so bravely, that the Imperialists vvere faine to acknowledge, they had met vvith souldiers, but having noe ordinance mounted, and the eleuen brasse peeces, vvhich vvere in our Towne, which should haue bin sent to the Coronell Gotzen vpon an account, being not in areadinesse to make any defence, and hauing but a fewe souldiers and Burgers, not able to man, and make good the large circuit of the VVals of the Towne, were driuen to reteate vnto the Iagoish port, at length being forst, and ouermasterd, this woe and miserie then began not oneiy vpon those, vvho bravely defended themselues by armes, in shooting them dead, slashing, and strangling them, but also among those vvhich vvere vnarmed, and vvhosoeuer met them in this first fury, were strooke downe and masacred. Many to escape ran into the Morras, the hop-yards, the Corne, and got ouer the Vcker, vvere fetcht out. The men were lamentably butcher'd, & the vvemen kept for filthinesse. The Sweathish Horsemen turning faces about, diuerse times gaue fire. & shot some of them dead, and so escaped from them, leaving one of their Captaines behind them, and an other of their Captaines fell with his Horse betvveene the planckes of the broken bridge, but notvvithstanding came of vvell. After this they powred out there foming vvrath vpon the rest of the poore Burgers, vvhome they found in the Houses, they nipt, and pincht them vvith pincers, & Thumb-screues, and tormented them vvith other inventions to make them confesse, if they knevve of any thing that vvas hide, if they got it out of them, yet it vvould not serue their turnes, because others comming

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in vſed the like extremities by blovves, and ſtrockes, If they did confeſſe nothing, it coſt them their deareſt liues, for they cryd out Giue vs money or bloode, hovvſoeuer vvhether they gaue or not, yet they muſt dye the death, or be ſo vvounded, that they vvill feele it as longe as they liue.

The Captaines, and Enſignes into vvhat Houſe ſoeuer they came, if they had money they promiſſed them a ſafeguard. If any man had a man or a mayde ſervant, a ſonne or a daughter, if they had bin ſhut vp into Nine Caſtles, vpon ſuch faire vvords, and comfortable promiſſes as they gaue them, they vvould haue brought them out, but vvhen they had got all out of them that they could, then the ſafegards vvere forgotten, there came in not onely ſeuen, but ten vvorſer vncleane ſpirits, vvhich broake vp all in peeces, left not a pot, not a pan, not a kettle, not a ſhirt, not a ſmock, not a feather vnſought for, puld of their ſhoos, and ſtockings, pluckt of the vvemens quoifs, and kerchiefs, Tore the Coates from their backes. If they ſlept ouer the Threſhold, they ſavve a vvoefull ſpectacle of ſome one or an other of their neighbours, and acquaintance lye ſprawling before there doores, vvounded, or dead, and if they caſt but a cloake to couer them, it vvas ſnatch from them, if they ſpake but a comfortable vvord vnto them, they ſerued them in the like manner: yea, though he vvere a Preacher, which came to intreate them, and to denounce the Iudgements of God againſt them, beſeeching them to vſe them as Chriſtians, they geerd at him, ſcoft him, and he muſt feele of the edge of the ſvvord, and heare theſe execrable vvords: VVhat ſhould vvee be Chriſtians? VVee are Divills incarnate, and thy Deuill likewiſe. Yea they puld out a preacher by head, and ſhoulders out of his bed, bound him hand and foot, tormenting him to make him confeſſe, vvhere his money laye,

If he told them vvhere it vvas, & gaue them all he had, others vsed him in the same kind, and vvhen the first vvere gone, to extort more out of him, at last vvould haue burnt him. Thus much concerning murthering and strangling. Alas this is not yet all, for after this hapned tvvo greater miseries, which befel vs, the rauishing of vvemen, & fire. Touching this filthy rauishment. I neuer read the like in any Greeke, or Romish Historie, or euer heard the like abhominations of such people, though they vvere meere Heathens, in committing such foule facts, by forcing, and defyling all marryed vvemen, maydes, and girles of eight or ten yeers old, vvithout making any differēce of them. That which you related to me of Penkum, vvas the first that euer I heard of amonge Christians. That in an obedient tovvn, they should rauish vvemen publickly, in the vevve of the sunne, in Church-gards, streets, and Gardens, vvhich makes me tremble to thinke, that the Deuill should be so povvreful in those, vvhich are called Christians, vvho I thinke striued to be vvorser, and baser then the Deuill himself, vvhich cannot doe nothing but sinne, They might haue left these in humaine sinns vncommitted, but vvould not.

But vvhen they had got into the Tovvne, and plundred it, then they began the horriblest fact, vvhich euer the sunne beheld, vvas there an honest vvoeman, vvhich vvith teares, & vvringing hands beseought them for gods sake, not to staine her honestie, & gaue them all that euer shee had to a penyworth, yet shee must suffer her selfe by euery one, like doggs to be openly & pittifully abused, till she had not so much strength as to stirr a foote. VVhen I remember this my countenance vvaxeth pale, and vvane in describing this abhomination, yea the very sunne it selfe blusheth at it, and is loath to giue light to such more then deuelish filthynesse, but these vvhore Stalions, forgetting God & all honesty, did vvithout any care or feare

or feare in euery place seeke out the vvemen, yea hunted the vvemen in childbed out of their bedds to abuse them, stript the vvemen vvith child naked to defyle them, tooke the sucking babes from their mothers Duggs, & dasht them against the Earth: They spared not so much as the old vvemen, of great age, yea the litle Girles to satiate their satyrical lust, and some vvhich pleased them better then others, they either set them vpon vvagons, or tyde them to their sadell bovve, to make them trot after them. This ravishment yesterday being the 11. of December vvas not ended, but they tooke vp with them to the gallowes-hill three honest women, and some girles of nine or ten yeeres old, vvhere they spoyled them so, that they can not goe.

O Lord arise at lenght, and reward them according to their wickednesse, stretch out thy mighty arme, and smite those in thy wrath, which haue thus destroyed thy people in their Innocencie, for vvhat could those of Pasewalke doe, more for the Imperialists, then they haue done? Their tyrannie hath left them nothing but their bare liues. VVhen the Swethens tooke in their Towne, could a companie of poore des armed men helpe it? Especially, seing the Imperialists had before abandonned and forsaken all the Tovvnes, and sea ports, and opened the gate and doore to the Swethens, & left them nothing but an emptie nest, must they therefore be called Rebells? But vvhat should I speake of Iustice, to those vvhich contemne and speake euill of iustice, vvhich keepe noe faith, vvhich loue noe sincerite, vvhich regard noe righteousnesse, vvhich care not for godlinesse, but liue as men vvithout a Conscience, as if there vvere noe God, noe Heauen, noe Hell, noe Deuill. I hasten to shut vp this doleful Tragedie, and vvill briefely relate in vvhat manner they burnt this Tovvne of Palevvalke to asches.

In the end, vvhen there vvas nothing more to be found in

the Houſes, then quickly the fire began to breake out in diuerſe places of the Tovvne. VVhen it increaſed, and vvith violence conſumed all that ſtood in the vvaye, then heard vvee often times theſe Neronian vvords: See hovve brauely Paſevvalke burnes? VVhat a fine fire it makes? I neuer ſawe ſuch a ſtately fire in my life? A great part of the Tovvne vpon the ſeuenth of September, vvas burnt vvith many barnes full of corne. The next daye the ſenor among the Prieſts (vvho had bin miſerably entreated the dayes before, and vvas preſerued as an Ebedmeleck by Captaine Smalenberke, (vvhome I here make mention of vvith honour among this vvicked generation of ſouldiers, and vvhoſe vvounds, vvere dreſt by the ſurgean of the feild) notvvithſtanding he, and his vvife vvith diuerſe Burgers of his acquaintance ſicke Preachers, Students, Schollers, and the Organiſts. This ſenor I ſay together vvith theſe deſired Captaine Smallenberke, that they might haue audience by the Coronell Gotzen, to crave, and intreate him, that the Maries Church, and the Houſes vvhich vvere then ſtanding might be ſpared, and kept from fyring: but he vvould not harken vnto them, commaunding that fire ſhould be put vnto them incontinent, rid alſo into the Tovvne himſelfe, and vvhere it vvas not a fire, commaunded to ſet it on fire, yea ſome ſaye he ſet it on fire himſelfe? Moreouer it is reported, hovve that the Officers, Eſpecially, the Lieutenant Coronell VVinſten to keepe it from fyring, interceeded, and requeſted this Coronell Gotzen, not to doe it, offring him many thouſand Rix dallers, to keepe the Tovvne from burning: but here turned them this Heroycall anſvvere, That he had ſvvorne too deepely, and therefore all muſt be burnt, and not a vvhite ſpared. After this Saint Maries church vvas ſet a fire, a very ſumptuous building vvith many coſtly Ornaments in it, vvhen they had plundered

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it of all the Church Ornaments, as silver, and gold, and burnt all the carued vvorkes in it, that a vvhit of timber vvorke vvas not left. A braue chime of great Bells melted, vvhereof the like vvas not in all Pomerland, & the steeple falling downe, vvhich vvas a lamentable spectacle, vvhile the souldiers in a braverie vvalked vp and dovvne as it vvere in processiõn, or as if they had bin in a masckarado, vvith the Priests Cirplises, coops, and Capps. A souldier being asked by a Captaine, vvhere he had got that habit, answered hee had taken it from the Papes, here vpon the Captaine replyed, that he should also haue slayne the Pape, or the Preacher himselfe.

In this furie, and cruell persecution, there vvere not onely many children burnt to ashes, vvhich their mothers had left lying in their Cradles, and beddes: but also the souldiers, tooke those vvhich vvere shot, and vvounded euen to the death, to burne and torment them. And such as offred to carrye, or convey any thing out of their Houses, those they cast into the fire and burnt them. A Church Provisour being an Alderman (for the citie of Pasevvalke and Stetine had this dignitie, that they onely had a session, and Iudgement seate in Pomerland) vvho vvould haue saued himselfe vvith his crutches, being troubled vvith a Demy-Palsy vvas vvounded to the death, and aftervvard burnt in the House vvherein to they carryed him. An other Burger, being a baker, vvas runn thorovv his bodie in his ovvne House, and his vvife carrying a child vnder each arme, and runing into a sellar vvas burnt vvith fire. And in an other place, nine, or ten boyes, and Girles, running into a sellar to saue themselues, these Hell-hounds perceaving it, layd straVVe ouer the sellar, set it on fire, and so these innocent children vvere pittifully burnt to death. And vvho can expresse all this our miserie? seing the rage, and furie of our ennemies

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For none of those vvhich vvere slayne, vvounded, [illegible] shot, or halfe burn'd, could haue any buriall, but must [illegible] in the streets, to be eaten, and torne in peeces by hoggs, [illegible] doggs, vvhich came running into that vvast, and my[illegible] Towne. Neere vnto the Prints-lauwish port a fewe Hou[illegible] remaines yet standing: In the smiths streete, as yee goe dow[illegible] to Saint Niclas (though the Church is yet standing, vvhich [illegible] dayely threatned to be burnt) there yet remaines but tv[illegible] Houses (in reigestæ monumentum, as a memoriall of th[illegible] wicked deeds) that whosoeuer beholds them, and passes [illegible] waye, can saye noe other wise, then Cacodæmona quend[illegible] pelle Gotziana tectum, sua crudelitate & immanitate, [illegible] Lanienam fecesse, quam æterna sin maledictione sit o[illegible] luiturus', That is: The euill spirit couuered vvith Gotz[illegible] hyde, did accomplish this butcherie by his crueltie, & fier[illegible] nesse, vvhich at lenght he shall paye for, by an everlasti[illegible] curse layde vpon him.

I protest here seriously notwithstanding, that nothing is here rela[illegible] which tends to doe any iniury, or preiudice to the posteritie of the wor[illegible] and noble familly of the Gotzians, or that is meant to the least stayne [illegible] their noble reputation, for as noe body is so sound and pure, but th[illegible] hath sometimes it owne vlcer, and excrement, so likewise that noble, [illegible] sounde bodie is not intended hereby, but onely that one putrifyng sore [illegible] fore named is aymed at herein.

Herewith I conclude, and recommend all forowfull, hearts, & comfor[illegible] lesse soules to the father of Mercies, that he will protect his Church, and stoppe the Deuills rage, and al his followers, and reward them with Eternall flames, according to their deserts. Written at Barksholt, neere vnto Loc[illegible] keuitz, where the Imperialls tooke a poore man, vvhom they brought with them from Pasewalke, and beate him sheodly, so that they brake his arm[illegible] in peeces, & afterward vvould haue hang'd him, vpon tvvo birckin braun[illegible] ches hanging downe, but with many petitions, and much intreatie, they pardonned him vvith an vnchristian mercy, for they being at dinner in steed of a peece of bread and butter, sent him for a speciall, and a dainty dishe, which they compeld him to eate, to wit, a peece of bread steept in fresh pisse, and spread ouer thicke with mans dung. Anno 1630. the [illegible] of September.

CHRISTIANVS LOPERVS
ex Civis PASWALCENSIS.